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PRETTY . TOMORROWS TOMORROW JERRY! THEY WE FACE THE TURNED ME DOWN ONCE. PAROLE BOARD! I'VE SPENT EIGHT BUT I THINK I'LL YEARS IN THIS MAKE IT THIS HOLE ALREADY! TIME! HEY, HOW DOES IT OF IT, I NEVER LOOK FOR HOW YOU GOT SENT UP!

STORY ... I WAS GOIN STRAIGHT ... WORKIN' FOR A MISERABLE SKIN FLINT IN A TOBACCO SHOP! THE OLD GEEZER WAS NEVER SATISFIED .. ALWAYS COMPLAININ ABOUT SOMETHING!

IT'S A LONG

I HAD A GIRL ... WE WERE PLANNIN' TO GET MARRIED SOON! JOBS WERE SCARCE, SO. I WANTED TO HOLD ON TO MINE! THAT'S THE REASON I TOOK THE OLD GUY'S GUFF! WHAT THE BEST I

DICKENS IS TAKIN CAN DO, MR. YOU SO LONG JERRY ! YOU SHOULD ONLY ONE HAVE HAD THOSE MORE TO CASES PILED UP GO AN HOUR AGO!



HERE'S YOUR PAY, JERRY, ER ... YOU'LL FIND IT SEVEN DOLLARS SHORT! BUSINESS 16 50 BAD ... I MONIT HAVE IT TO GIVE YOU!

MR. JONAS ... YOU'VE BEEN DOIN' THIS FOR MONTHS! THIS MAKES OWE ME ON BACK PAY!















OH, HELLO,













I KNEW I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE ANYTHING IN COURT... SO I TOOK A DESPERATE CHANCE! I PLAYED ALONG WITH THE COPS TO GET THEM OFF GUARD... AND THEN...



THEY FELL OVER ONE ANOTHER ... GIVING ME PLENTY OF TIME TO GAIN A LEAD ON THEM! IN ONE LEAP I WAS OVER THE BANNISTER AND ON THE NEXT LANDING ...





I QUICKLY OUTLINED THE PLAN TO ELLEN ... TOLD HER ALL ABOUT SHAFER! THEN...

HIS BROTHER -IN -LAW,
ALS A
BACHELOR ... USUALLY EATS
OUT IN JOE'S DINER BEFORE
PICKING UP SHAPER! I'VE
SOME REAL POTENT SLEEPING PILLS THAT'LL DISSOLYE
IN COFFEE!











THAT MUST BE HIM ..







I... I DON'T KNOW! HEAD'S REELING ALL OF A SUDDEN!



MY STRATEGY PAID OFF! SHAFER WAS ANXIOUS TO MAKE HIS DEPOSIT- WITH OR WITHOUT HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW'S HELP!







SHAFER CAME ALONG AND...

JERRY...
THERE'S
A MAN
COWING!

COWING!

COWING!

COWING!

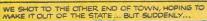
COWING!

COWING!

COWING TILL WAIT TILL HE
TURNS HIS BACK TO
US AND STARTS
OPENING THE NIGHT
DEPOSITORY!













I STAYED HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS AND WATCHED ELLEN TAKE THE CAR THROUGH! AS I TRIED TO HITCH A LIFT BACK TO TOWN, WHO SHOULD COME ALONG BUT...













YEAH, EVERY CENT!

AND



AND THE NEXT DAY ...









AND ON HIS RELEASE SEVERAL DAYS LATER, ARTIE HURST IMME-DIATELY SOUGHT OUT HIS CELL-MATE'S FIANCEE...

WHEW! THIS BABE TURNED A KNOCKOUT! DOWN! OH, NO-CAN MAKE A PLAY FOR HER MYSELF-THAT MEANS AND FOR THAT TEN GRAND! TWO MORE YEARS! AW, C'MON, ELLEN, OU! WHAT SAY, YOU NO ME DO THE TOWN, AND AND TRY TO FORGET

SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

YOU RAT!

YOU RAT!

DON'! I''S

BACK, OR

I'LL...

THEXUIGH THE

GRAPPUNIE! YOUR

CROSSED YA-RAN

OFF AN SOT ATRIE!

ON YOUR

I'LL...

THEY WOULD

I LIE!





JERRY COUNTED EVERY





MY, I'LL CERTAINLY HAVE TO THANK MR. KELLNER FOR GIVING ME THIS LEAD! MEAN JERRY KELLNER? ELLEN, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

JERRY!
WH. WHAT'LL
WE DO, ARTIE?
WHY WOULD
HE SEND AN
INSURANCE
MAN AROUND
TO YOU, UNLESS...OH!

ARTIE AND ELLEN DEPARTS ED, THEIR MAIN GOAL... DISTANCE!

I WON'T LET 'EM SEE ME, YET! A LITTLE -MENTAL TORTURE'LL GIVE 'EM AN IDEA OF WHAT I'VE BEEN GOIN' THROUGH! THEY SHOULD BE





A SHORT WHILE LATER ...

A CCUPLE YOU DESCR SE V DID REGISTER! THEY'RE IN ROOM 409! THAT'S GREAT!
THEY'RE FRIENDS
OF MINE! TELL
YOU WHAT...LET
ME HAVE THE
RODM ACROSS
THE HALL FROM
THEM! I WANT
TO SURPRISE
'EM IN THE
MORPHING!



... AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING ...

ARTIE! LOOK OVER THERE! THAT MAN-IT'S JERRY! HE'LL KILL US IF HE GETS A CHANCE!

NO, THAT CAN'T BE HIM! C'MON, LET'S HAVE BREAKFAST! THEN WE'LL GET GOING!



ARTIE, IT'S MAYBE YOU'RE HIM! I KNOW RIGHT, BUT I WANT HE'S TO AVOID THAT IF I BEEN WATCH CAN! I'LL GET THE ING US ALL BAGS AND DOUGH DURING AND BE RIGHT BREAKFAST! DOWN WE MUST JOIN YOU! GET HIM, OR GET US!







CLOTHES FIT HIM FINE! NOW TO GET HER UP HERE!







JERRY CAME TO THE PRISON TO

SEE ELLEN! HE PROMISED TO FOR-



GRADUALLY THE ENTIRE STORY OUT ..

BUT YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW YOUR OWN HUSBAND EVEN IF HE WERE JERRY'S CLOTHES?

ARTIE SUFFERED FROM VIOLENT HEADACHES BE CAUSE OF A STEEL PLATE IN HIS HEAD FROM AN ACCIDENT HE HAD YEARS AGO! MAYBE HE WAS





MUST BE IT! HE COULDN'T

THAT

DR. LINDSEY, WHERE IS HE BODY THEY BROUGHT IN THIS MORN-AN AUTOPSY! I WANT THE EXACT CALISE OF DEATH!

DONE IT, C.B.! HE WAS DEAD MINUTES BE-FORE HE WAS SHOT! I'D SAY HE WAS THE BUTT OF A GUN! PRETTY HARD RAP, TOO! HARDER THAN A DELIVER!



ELLEN FELL FOR JERRY'S TOLD HIM WHERE THE 15! MONEY THAT'S THINK

WHERE WE'L

FIND HIM!

OKAY-HOLD ON! MY FOOT'S DOWN TO THE FLOOR BOARDS NOW! LET OUT A BLAST



AHH, HERE'S RIGHT WHERE ELLEN SAID SHE'D PUT IT-CRIME-BUSTER!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, JERRY, FOR THE MURDER OF ARTIE HURST! SEEMS HE WAS DEAD BE-FORE ELLEN SHOT HIM FROM A RAP ON THE SKULL! NOW, WILL YOU COME QUIETLY,



THAT'S I SEE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE HOT SEAT! I'LL KILL YOU BEFORE YOU'LL

GOING TO BE DIFFICULT! WELL, THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE T WHEN AGAINST



YOU CAUGHT ME ONCE ... AND NOW I'M GOIN' TO REPAY YOU FOR ... AGGHH!

THANKS SQUEEKS YOU'RE A REAL HELP!

WELL, WE'VE GOT HIM, LOOVER! BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO PROVE IT WAS JERRY WHO CLOUTED ARTIE ?

ELLEN HURST WILL BE OUR STAR WITNESS! WE'L PROVE THAT JERRY SENT THAT INSURANCE MAN AROUND IN AN ATTEMPT TO FRAME

ELLEN, FOR ONE THING! THEN THERE WAS

JERRY'LL GET THE CHAIR FOR ARTIE'S MURDER, BUT WHAT ABOUT ELLEN?

YOU DID A

COURT, LOOVER!

FINE

WELL, WE HER FREE BUT FOR COOPERA-

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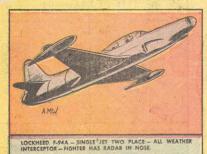
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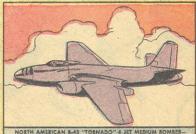
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IT AIN'T SUBTLE TOO BRAINY FER DAT SORT OF JOB! OF JOB! YA WANNA SPOIL OUR REPUTATION?

DOUGH!

MAYBE WE COULD FLEECE IRON JAW AGAIN! HE'S ALWAYS GOOD FOR

A TOUCH!

YER RIGHT, SATAN! DA TROUBLE IS HE MAY NOT HAVE HIT IT RICH SINCE WE





IRON JAW! AN' ALL DOLLED UP LIKE AN ASTORBILT! AIN'T IT NICE TO SEE HIM RICH AND HAPPY! NOW OUR PROBLEM IS SOLVED! ALL WE NEED IS AN ANGLE! TOO MUCH MONEY AIN'T GOOD FOR HIM! IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE TO MAKE HIM SHARE IT WITH LESS FORTUNATE CITIZENS ... LIKE US!



IRON JAW IS GETTING A LITTLE SENSITIVE ABOUT D WAY WE KEEP OUTSMARTING HIM! IT MAY NOT BE TOO EASY TO PERSUADE HIM! DIS TAKES SOME HEAVY THINKING! HEY! WHAT'S HE PUTTING UP



DAT'S DA SOLUTION! IT'S BEEN ME LIFE'S AMBITION TO OF DA OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE DOUGH WITH A SET-UP LIKE DAT! DA HECK WITH IRON JAW!



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BEFORE YA DREAM ANY MORE, MAY I REMIND YOU DAT TAKES DOUGH TO BUY AN OUT-FIT LIKE DAT! WHERE DO WE GET



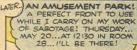
LEAVE DAT TO ME! LET ME SHOW YA HOW WE'LL WORK IT SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY COMPETITION ... AHH ... MY PEN IS DRY! HEY, MAC, YA GOT























CAN'T









DA THING

EVERYONE

IRON JAW

SEEMS TO BE

THINKS HE

OWNS IT, TOO!

OVERLOOKING.

IS DA FACT DAT



CRIMINY! MAGINE US COSMO AMUSE MENT PARK AND OVER FORTY-NINE GRAND, BESIDES! LET'S GO OVER TO SEE IT



LEAVE ME HANDLE IRON JAW WHEN DA TIME COMES! RIGHT NOW LET'S CELEBRATE TAKIN' OVER DIS PLACE!



DIS IS DA LIFE! ALL WE HAFTA DO IS LOAF AROUND DA RECIEPTS A COUPLA TIMES A DAY!

IF THINGS GET SLOW, CRUSHER AN' ME CAN PICK A FEW POCKETS JUST TO KEEP IN PRACTICE!



BAH!





BOUGHT UP DIS OUTFIT AN' I SAID TO MYSELF, I SAID, GOOD OLD IRON JAW. HE'S GOIN' TO NEED HELP TO RUN AN' OUTFIT LIKE DAT AN' WHO COULD HELP HIM MORE THAN HIS OLD FRIENDS -DA DEADLY DOZEN!

IRON JAW! OUR OLD PAL! WE HEARD HOW YOU

WHY, YOU PRESUMPTUOUS IRON JAW HALF-BRAINED THINK HOW FLATHEAD! I USEFUL OUGHT WE COULD BE! WHERE ELSE EXTERMINATE THE WHOLE LOT COULD YOU OF YOU RIGHT FIND TWELVE NOW, WHILE I GUYS LIKE HAVE YOU US? CORNERED.

DON'T BE HASTY





















SINCE YOU ARE THE REAL OWNER, PERHAPS I COULD PERSUADE YOU DO THAT! DA TO SELL AT THE SAME TERMS. POOR FELLOW EIGHTY THOUSAND! HAS DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR







WHY, YOU CROOKED, DOUBLE-CROSSIN' SOLD ME THE DEED THE OTHER DAY ... COLONEL STANLEY P. COWPER ... I'LL COLONEL YOU ... I'LL TEAR THAT SCHEMING HEAD OF YOURS RIGHT OFF YOUR WORTHLESS BODY ...
THAT RED INK GAVE YOU AWAY!

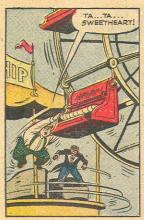














































The Four Musketeers



A fter the villains were scattered, the four gallant horsemen came together, first doffing their plumed hats, then raising their swords above them, touching the points. And they laughed heartily as they shouted in unison: "One for all, all for one!"

With that, they galloped down the cobblestone street, into the shadows of Paris, seeking more adventure.

The lights in the theater came on, the curtains closed over the screen, and the audience rose and departed. Among them were the four Wise Guys, Jock, Slugger, Scarecrow and Curly.

"What a movie!" said Slugger, when they reached the street. "Golly! The Three Musketeers were the best sword fighters who ever lived! Boy-oh-boy! They really beat up the bad guys, didn't they?"

It was night time, and as they walked along, they talked excitedly of the movie, of the adventurous Musketeers, and the old days of a by-gone era. The street lights cast weird shadows on the walls, and each shadow, to the Wise Guys, became living, breathing villains, who lurked in the night.

"It must've been a night just like this," said Slugger, "when the musketeers met the twenty crooks and sent them scurrying away with their flashing swords!"

"Yes," said Jock, but he was interrupted by the shrill clanging of a distant burglar alarm.

"Listen," said Scarecrow. "That is a burglar alarm!"

"Yes," agreed the others. "What are we waiting for! Let's go!"

They broke out into a run, and turned right at the next block, then continued down a very dark street. Suddenly, Scarecrow stopped them, and as they stood panting, he said: "We've got the wrong street! Listen—you can still hear the burglar alarm, and also sirens from the police cars! But they're in the next block, not this one!"

"Right," said Slugger. "We're sure a bunch of smart Musketeers! Can't even find the scene of the crime! Come on — to the next block!"

But, as they started back, Curly grabbed Jock's arm and exclaimed: "Wait a minute, fellows! Look back down the street! Two guys are running this way! They just came from the next block— and they're carrying a small suitcase!"

The others looked, and, sure enough, they could distinguish two figures running toward them. But abruptly, the two figures stopped, turned, and ran back the other way.

"They must be the crooks," shouted Slugger. "Otherwise, why did they turn around and run when they saw us? Come on, we're going to find out why!"

As the Wise Guys started out in pursuit, they saw the two distant figures turn, and race into an alleyway.

The Wise Guys didn't hesitate. They also ran into the alleyway, which had no street light at all, and was nearly black.

"Up there," said Jock, pointing. "Up there ahead, see? There's a door opening! They're going into that building!"

Abruptly, the Wise Guys had reached the same doorway. Jock took hold of the knob, twisted it, then pulled. The door swung open on creaky hinges. "Easy does it," cautioned Slugger. "They might be hiding right inside, waiting for us."

And in they went, very quietly, very carefully.

They stood in a small, darkened back room. Before them, through a doorway, they could see a much larger room, in which burned a lone night light, casting a gloomy, yellow pall over the place. The four youths could easily make out such objects as juke boxes, a score of different penny machines, trick games and dummy figures, clad in costumes.

"Hey!" Slugger almost shouted. "We've come through the back door of the Penny Areade. Museum! We've passed this place many times."

"Right," said Jock. "The crooks must've seen that the back door was left ajar by mistake — so they came in. And they're still here . . . somewhere . . . hiding."

"Yes," added Slugger. "They are still in here... somewhere! Maybe waiting to get us! You know, on second thought, I think we ought to go back and get the cops! It's not smart for kids to get tangled up like this!"

"Good idea," agreed Scarecrow. "Except that we're already in it . . . up to our ears! We should have thought of that before. But now, all we can do is look for them."

"I agree," said Jock. "It's four of us against two."

Then, leading the way, Jock said: "Come

They moved forward, slowly, cautiously. They walked past the various penny machines and the costumed dummies, and by a sign that hung over a row of swords. The sign read:

"CAN YOU FENCE? ARE YOU A SWORD FIGHTER? TRY YOUR SKILL!"

"This is just what a Musketeer would order," said Slugger, taking one of the swords from the rack. "Let's each take one — then we'll all have some sort of weapon."

The others agreed, and in a moment each gripped one of the swords. The points were blunt, yes, but still, the Wise Guys figured them to be heavy enough to make one feel that he held a formidable weapon.

"We're Musketeers now," whispered Slugger, examining the blade. "Let's do this job just like the Musketeers did it in the movies —"

Just then, a loud sneeze boomed from behind.

"Salud!" said Slugger. "Which one of you guys is catching a cold?"

"It wasn't one of us that sneezed," said Searecrow. "The sneeze came from one of those knights over there,"

"Somebody ought to give him something before he comes down with a HEY! What's a knight's armor doing sneezing?" said Slugger, There was no time to answer Slugger's question. The "suits" of armor moved forward, walking stiffly, with heavy, short axes raised to strike. The vizors of the armor costumes were raised, and the Wise Guys suddenly saw two snarling faces.

"It's the crooks!" shouted Curly.

"Yeah — and ain't that too bad for you guys?" said one of the crooks. "You kids were dumb enough to chase us — now you'll get what's comin' to you!"

The Wise Guys had nothing else to do, except raise their swords — in true Musketeer fashion, and assume a fencing pose before the advancing crooks. Then, their sword blades clashed against the metal suits of armor, and the crooks leaped back with a howl.

"Ha," chuckled Slugger. "One whack on their suits and they run! You'd think we'd hit them on the bare skin!"

"I think they're cowards," said Jock, as the Wise Guys kept after the crooks, bringing a yell of pain every time their swords clashed against the metal costumes. "Keep after em!"

But the crooks howled so loud, that soon, blue-uniformed figures swarmed into the store.

"The cops!" yelled one of the crooks, "We're cooked!"

While policemen put handcuffs on the crooks, one of them turned to Slugger, and said:

"Well, you Wise Guys have done it again! But this time you were very lucky!"

"Lucky?" sniffed Slugger. "Mr. O'Leary, you're looking at the four best Musketeers you ever saw! We simply out-sworded those two characters!"

"Not quite," said O'Leary, laughingly. "Look at this!"

He took Slugger's sword, unscrewed the handle, and let two batteries slide out into his hand. The four Wise Guys looked on in wide-eyed astonishment.

"What's that?" queried Jock.

"That's the reason you were lucky," continued O'Leary. "These swords are electrically-charged! Every time you touched their metal costumes with these trick swords, the crooks got a shock!"

The Wise Guys looked at each other, first sheepishly — but then they broke out in a big laugh.

Then Slugger said: "Well, it's not our fault that we live in an electrical age, is it, fellows?"

The others agreed, and then they raised their swords above them, in true Musketeer fashion — and the four of them said in unison: "One for all — all for one!"

Then they walked out, laughing and singing. Just like real, honest-to-goodness Musketeers.

THE END

ROCKY X of the Rocketeers "THE RETURN OF THE

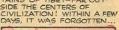


LET US LEAVE THE ROCKETEERS, AND GO BACK A FEW YEARS...TO 1934! HAD OUR ASTRONOMERS BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE THE PARTY OF THE PARTY O





ASTRONOMERS ESTIMATED THAT IT CRASHED INTO THE WILD AND UNKNOWN MOUN-TAINS OF TIBET-FAR OUT-SIDE THE CENTERS OF





FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS, THE CRATER REMAINED THE SAME! THERE WERE FAINT RUMBLINGS IN THE EARTH, RECORDED ON SEISMOGRAPHS ALL OVER THE WORLD! BUT THEY WERE NOT CON-SIDERED UNUSUAL! UNKNOWN TO HU-MANITY, SOMETHING WAS SLOWLY FORM-ING ... GROWING ... DEVELOPING TOWARD ITS AWFUL BIRTH.



THIS UNBELIEVABLY FIENDISH CREATURE HAD THE ABILITY TO CHANGE FROM NORMAL SIZE TO THAT OF A GIANT! HE SOON PUT HIS DIABOLICAL MIND ON THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH HE HAD SPRUNG! WITHIN A FEW WEEKS
HE HAD RECRUITED A FANATIC BAND OF
FOLLOWERS... SWORN TO OBEY HIS EVERY RUTHLESS COMMAND





THE CLAW HAD INSANE IDEAS OF WORLD CONQUEST ... AND FOR FIVE YEARS HE CARRIED ON AN UNRELENTING BATTLE AGAINST HUMANITY, ALLYING HIMSELF WITH THE MOST EVIL PORCES HE COULD FIND! 1940 FOUND HIM IN GERMANY, LENDING HIS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS TO THE NAZI SCHEME TO CONQUER THE WORLD



UNDER THE CLAW'S DIRECTION, A POWERFUL FUEL AND A METAL CAPABLE OF RESISTING HEAT UP TO 50,000 DEGREES CENTIGRADE WERE DEVELOPED! WITH THESE MATERIALS. THE GERMANS BEGAN CONSTRUCTING A ROCKET WITH WHICH TO CONQUER THE ALLIES!





LATE IN 1944. THE ROCKET

WAS COMPLETED.





THREE MONTHS LATER

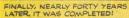
THE NAZI BULLETS WERE FUTILE IN STOPPING THE CLAW, WHO SOON DESTROYED THE OPPOSITION AND REDUCED HIMSELF TO NORMAL SIZE! HE THEN ENTERED THE ROCKET, AND ...





THE CLAW HAD RETURNED TO THE PLANET THAT SPAWNED HIM WITH BUT ONE PURPOSE IN MIND...THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MIGHTY SPACE ARMADA TO DESTROY THE EARTH'S CIVILIZATION! MATERIALS HAD TO BE STOLEN FROM OTHER PLANETS...SKILLED PILOTS HAD TO BE RECRUITED AND TRAINED...THE JOB WENT ON RELENTLESSLY ...TEN YEARS...TWENTY...THIRTY...





WE MUST COMPLETELY DESTROY THE EARTH'S CIVILIZATION! WE FOR THE GLORY OF ZYLMARX AND THE CLAW

MUST KILL EVERY HUMAN BEING! WE SHALL MAKE IT OURS

THE APPROACH OF THE ARMADA WAS DETECTED ON EARTH AND THE ROCKETEERS WERE ORDERED TO INTERCEPT ... AS THE APPROACHED THE LEAD SHIP ...



AT THE SAME TIME THAT ROCKY X AND THE ROCKETEERS WERE BLASTING OFF FROM "KANTRAX 12", THE ARMADA REPRESENTING THE CLLMINATION OF THE CLAWS CORRUPT AND INFAMOUS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS ROSE INTO THE AIR WITH A MIGHTY...





MAKE IT FAST, THEY BOY! THERE MAY LOOK LAUNCH THEM OKAY ALL!











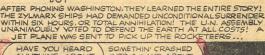




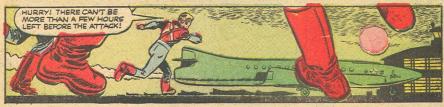














IT'S USELESS TO RESIST! FORTY-FIVE MINUTES BEFORE WE'RE NOT READY AND THIS THE ATTACK. ATTACK HAS PROBABLY BEEN PLANNED TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL! WE'D BETTER JUST CONCEAL OURSELVES AND

DON'T BE A FOOL! WE CAN'T JUST LIE DOWN AND ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR AND SHOOT THEM DOWN!

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH FORCE TO DEFEND THE ENTIRE GLOBE BUT WE DO HAVE ENOUGH ARMS TO DEFEND ANY ONE AREA! SUGGEST WE TRY TO ANTICIPATE THEIR LANDING

PARDON ME

PLACE AND FOR INTERRUPT ING, GENERAL, BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT!

IF WE TRIED TO HIDE, THEY'D TAKE OVER THE EARTH AND WE MIGHT NEVER REGAIN CON-TROL! SECOND, AS OUR ROCKET WAS SHOT DOWN BY THEIR SHIPS I DON'T THINK AIRPLANES WOULD STAND A CHANCE! THIRD, THEY CAN SEE OUR EVERY MILITARY MOVEMENT... IF WE TRIED TO GUESS WHERE THEY WERE LANDING, THEY COULD JUST LAND SOME



THERE'S ONE PLAN WE SHOULD PUT THEREARE INTO FORCE AT ONCE! SEVERAL EXPERIMENTAL ROCKETS ON THE FIELD! PUT THE ROCKETEERS IN IT'S A LONG CHANCE, BUT IT COMMAND AND WE'LL TRY TO INTERCEPT HE ENEMY! LET'S HURRY! THERE'S ONLY A LITTLE OVER THIRTY MINUTES LEFT!



WITH THE HURRIED PREPARATIONS FINISHED, THE BRAVE CREW SET OUT ON THEIR MISSION... THE ODDS OVERWHELMING! / AGAINST THEM... PLAYING FOR THE HIGHEST STAKES THE WORLD HAD EVER KNOWN!

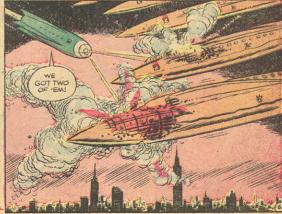


























AFTER FIFTY YEARS,
THE CLAW HAS RETURNED. READY TO
BEGIN THE VILE DEED
TO WHICH HE HAS
DEDICATED HIS
VILLAINOUS CAREER...
THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION
AND DEFEAT OF THE
EARTH! HOW WILL THE
ROCKETERS PLAY?
AND WHAT HAS
HAPPENED TO THE

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